



OXFORD DOWNS CRICKET CLUB 2018 SEASON



Welcome!

Dear Parent / Carer

Oxford Downs Cricket Club welcomes you and your children to the club. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the cricket coaching, training, and matches, as well as the social interactions available at the club. The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you as new members. Please do ask me – the Club Welfare Officer – or any committee member or coach if you have other questions not answered in this letter.

The club is run by a number of volunteers. We welcome offers of help from all members, and hope that as you feel part of the club you will feel able to get involved.

Contact Information

A full list of club officials, committee members, first aiders and DBS holders can be found on the club noticeboard, but in summary, some important contacts:

Club Telephone – 01865 301764

Club Chairman – Tom Welch (07856 687935, tomwelch33@gmail.com)

Club Secretary – Roger Berryman (01993 704707, rogerberryman90@gmail.com)

Club Welfare Officer – Natasha Coates (07967 293589, natasha@frizzled.co.uk)

Membership Secretary – Meg Potter (07875 105170, meg.potter536@gmail.com)

Welfare

We are a 'Clubmark' club and we adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket. All of the adults at the club who work with children and meet the necessary criteria are vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' check (formerly known as CRB checks).

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach in the first instance. However, please do not interrupt coaching sessions, especially nets practice, as this may distract the coach when he or she needs to be supervising the children. Our coaches will be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time.

If you have questions about kit requirements, training times, pick up arrangements, etc., please speak to your child's coach, or for any issues relating to juniors playing for open age group (adult) teams, the team captain.

If you have any concern about your child or another child, or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to me, the Club Welfare officer using my contact details as above.

(If your concern is about me, you may contact the County Welfare Officer, Stuart Murphy. Email: oxfordshirecricketwelfare@gmail.com or mobile: 07766 110067)

'Safe hands', ECB's Policy for safeguarding Children in cricket, is available to view online at www.ecb.co.uk/safehands, or a copy is available at the club.

Information for Juniors

Training times:

U8: Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

U9: Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

U11 & U13: Wednesday 6:30-8pm

U15: training is with the senior teams on a Tuesday from 6-8pm

Match Managers:

U8 / U9 – Charlie Walker

U11 - Adrian Frost and Clive Whitby

U13 – Stuart Armstrong

U15 – Nick Owens

All Stars Cricket:

After the great success of our launch, we are lucky enough to be hosting All Stars Cricket for a second season - this is a huge Nationwide initiative run **by the ECB and not ODCC**. All Stars cricket is aimed at Year 1 and 2 children (as well as Year 3 children if they have had no experience of cricket so far). Therefore, we hope that it continues to complement what we are already doing at ODCC. It is an 8 week course running from Wednesday 16th May – 4th July, 6.30pm-7.30pm. For more details: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Our All Stars Activators are Emma Welch and Jennifer Owens and our All Stars Helpers will be Sacha Collins and Helen Milne.

Drop off / Collection Arrangements for training: it is expected that all parents/guardians stay at the club while junior training takes place and that parents/guardians collect their child(ren) from the relevant Match Manager after training has finished. Please refer to our 'Parents Code of Conduct'. *Please note the club cannot accept responsibility for getting your child to and from away matches*.

Play area

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to supervise their children in the play area. No glasses/bottles are to be taken onto play area. Children are also not permitted to climb on the top roofed area of the play park.

Finally...

The Club is always looking for parental help – please do consider helping out if you can – please contact Tom Welch or Meg Potter if you are able to do so!

All members are reminded of the club's code of conduct for members and guests and the parents code of conduct, which are posted on the club notice board.

We do hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy being a member of Oxford Downs Cricket Club, and if you have any concerns, do please let me know.

Yours

Natasha Coates

Natasha Coates (Club Welfare Officer)